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SUBJECT: CODEX ALIMENTARIUS: AUSTRIA FAVORS U.S. CANDIDATE, BUT WILL FOLLOW EU CONSENSUS

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[1](#)1. Post discussed reftel demarche on May 29 with Erhard Hoebaus, Head of the Department for Nutrition and Quality Assurance in the Ministry of Agriculture. Hoebaus, who is the Austrian POC for Codex Alimentarius, will represent the GoA at the 31st session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. Dieter Jenewein from the Ministry of Health will also attend.

[1](#)2. The Austrian delegation favors the U.S. candidate, Karen Hulebak, pointing to her expertise and skills. Austria will lobby for Hulebak within the EU decision-making process. However, if the majority of EU Member States were to support another candidate, we expect the Austrian Government would back the consensus candidate.

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